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Kyocera Corporation

Title:

A HINGED CONNECTOR WITH A SEALING

MEMBER FOR A PORTABLE DEVICE

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE AND COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated November 18, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the Issue Fee Transmittal Form, PTOL-85B, together with a check in the amount of \$1,700.00 in payment of the issue fee and fee for ten soft copies. Applicants also submit one sheet of Corrected Formal Drawings; FIGS. 5 and 6. These drawings have been modified to include a "Prior Art" legend.

The Applicants submit that the invention set forth in each of the claims is patentable for reasons set forth in the specification of the present application.

The Applicants note that the title of the invention has been changed to "A Hinged Connector with a Sealing Member for a Portable Device," per an Examiner's Amendment on November 15, 2004. The Issue Fee Transmittal Form shows the original title of "Connector Structure and Portable Terminal Device."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 848075/0063.

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